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11 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
12 AT TACOMA

13 UNDER SEAL,

14 Plaintiff,

v.

No. C06-5437-RJB

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16 Defendants.

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12 AT TACOMA

13 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
14 *ex rel.* BRUCE BRANDLER,

15 Plaintiff,  
16 v.

17 MSO WASHINGTON, INC., a Washington  
18 Corporation; CHARLES PLUNCKET;  
19 RICHARD RYNES, M.D.; GLEN KEITZER, M.D.;  
20 ANDREW ABOLINS, M.D.; CORAL HILBY, M.D.;  
21 EXPEDITO CASTRO, M.D.; TIMOTHY SMITH,  
22 M.D.; DOUGLASS HARROUN, M.D.;  
LYNN OSTENSON, M.D.; THOM McDONNELL,  
M.D.; THOMAS SMITH, M.D.;  
MARGARET GAINES, M.D.; DICK COE, M.D.;  
RITU SHETTY, M.D.; JOHN LORD, DPM;  
JOHN FORD, DPM;  
COLLEEN WOJCIECHOWSKI; GIGI HARDTKE;  
TICHARD ATER; PHIROCE ISHAQUE;  
GEORGIA MOHLER; LINDA LEPAPE,

23 Defendants.

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26 **ORDER**

27 The United States has filed an *Ex Parte* Application for an Extension of time to Consider  
28 Election to Intervene, in which the government seeks a four (4) month extension of time, from  
April 4, 2010, until August 4, 2010, in which to notify the Court whether it intends to intervene  
in this *qui tam* lawsuit. Such an extension of time is expressly contemplated by the False

1 Claims Act, which provides that the United States "may, for good cause shown move the Court  
2 for extensions of time...." 13 U.S.C. § 3730(b)(3). The Court finds that such good cause exists  
3 here.

4 Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED that the United States shall have until August 4,  
5 2010, to notify the Court of its decision whether or not to intervene in this *qui tam* action. The  
6 Clerk shall maintain the Complaint and other filings under seal for the duration of the  
7 government's investigation.

8 DATED this 26 day of March, 2010.

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12 ROBERT J. BRYAN  
United States District Judge

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14 Presented by:

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16 HAROLD MALKIN  
17 Assistant United States Attorney